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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3953

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6819

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJ: GOI DEMAND THAT JOINT VENTURES PAY ROYALTIES

REF: STATE 185554

1. EMBASSY HAS  
BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE SITUATION SURROUNDING

GOI DEMAND FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS FROM JOINT VENTURES. IN PURSUIT OF  
A CLEAR READING OF THE TEMPER OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMBASSADOR RAISED  
SUBJECT WITH COURT MINISTER ALAM. ALAM RESPONDED YESTERDAY, SEP-  
TEMBER 24, TO THE AMBASSADOR'S INQUIRY TO THE EFFECT THAT GOI WAS  
ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED THAT ROYALTY PAYMENTS MUST BE ASSUMED BY  
JOINT VENTURERS BUT THAT GOI IS NOT IN ANY WAY ADVERSE TO A TOTAL  
NEGOTIATION OF ALL THE POINTS AT ISSUE BETWEEN ALL THE VARIOUS  
COMPANIES AS LONG AS THEY ACCEPT THE BROAD OUTCOMES OF THE ARR-  
ANGEMENTS WHICH IRAN HAS RECENTLY MADE WITH THE CONSORTIUM. EMBASSY  
ALSO HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE QUESTION OF QUARTERLY PAYMENTS OF  
TAXES (WHICH IS A LITTLE LESS FREQUENT THAN THE MAJOR PAYROLL IS A  
FIRM DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE GOI. THERE IS, HOWEVER, SOME INDI-  
CATION FROM DR MATTOLO  
OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT GOI IS  
WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON OTHER ISSUES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE  
COMPANIES THE KIND OF FIGLEAF THEY NEED WITH THEIR STOCKHOLDERS.  
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EMBASSY INFORMING AMERICAN JOINT VENTURERS ALONG FOREGOING LINES.

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